

# Essay Planning Worksheet

Working TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## YOUR THESIS STATEMENT

A matter of debatable opinion, which you will prove true *and* **THREE SUPPORTIVE POINTS**<sup>1</sup> in as many sentences as it takes.

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**Checkpoint!** Does your thesis paragraph contain three “parts” that you know enough about to write three paragraphs? If not, change it now so it will!

## TRANSFER WORDS FOR TOPIC SENTENCES TO POINTS “A,” “B,” AND “C” BELOW.

They should follow the same order as the one in which they are mentioned above (this is called parallelism).

**POINT A.** Write the words from the thesis section above which introduce this point here...

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Now, turn these words into a topic sentence for YOUR FIRST paragraph:

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**POINT B.** Write the words from the thesis section above which introduce this point here...

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Now, turn these words into a topic sentence for YOUR SECOND paragraph:

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**POINT C.** Write the words from the thesis section above which introduce this point here...

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Now, turn these words into a topic sentence for YOUR THIRD paragraph:

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**CONCLUSION:** Now restate your thesis, but say what you said before in a “summing up” way, using some different words.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: For long research papers, your points A, B, and C will represent sub-sections, or mini-theses, which then each need one of these sheets filled out for them. If you are writing a long paper, GO ON TO THE BACK SIDE OF THIS WORKSHEET (page 2)

RECORD DETAILS FOR YOUR BODY PARAGRAPHS HERE.

Under point A \_\_\_\_\_ my sub-points will be:

1.

2.

3.

4.

Under point B \_\_\_\_\_ my sub-points will be:

1.

2.

3.

4.

Under point C \_\_\_\_\_ my sub-points will be:

1.

2.

3.

4.